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**For: RNAI-BASED SENSORS, CAGED INTERFERING RNAS, AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF**

[ ]  For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

[X]  This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 60/427,664 filed November 18, 2002, USSN 60/436,855 filed December 26, 2002, USSN 60/439,917 filed January 13, 2003,USSN 60/451,177 filed February 27, 2003, USSN 60/456,870 filed March 21, 2003, USSN 60/484,785 filed July 3, 2003 and USSN 60/501,599 filed September 9, 2003, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.

[ ]  Please amend this application in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment, which adds the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No._____ , the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

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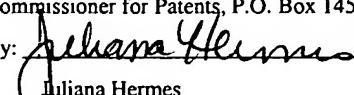
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